

# Saint Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

April 12  
2026

## SECOND SUNDAY OF *Easter*

(OR SUNDAY OF  
DIVINE MERCY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD  
IN THEIR MIDST  
AND SAID TO THEM,  
"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

John 20:19



April 12, 2026

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ in the Risen Christ,**

This weekend we celebrate the eighth day of the Octave of Easter. This Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It offers us the opportunity to reflect upon mercy in our lives and to ask how the Lord God has been merciful to each of us? And in turn, how have we been merciful to others or perhaps asked for mercy from others. In Italy, there was a time when the Ministry of Justice (Department of Justice) was called the Ministry of Grace and Justice. Here a society understood that for there to be justice, mercy (grace/favor) also had to be present. In our day, we often speak of seeking justice or making society just, but we do not often use the word mercy. I do not hear we wish to make the world a more merciful place. I think the main reason for that is mercy often means forgiveness, and while forgiveness is perhaps the core teaching of Christianity, it is sometimes one of the last ones we are able to accept and live out in our lives. It certainly may be one of the most difficult teachings of Christ to live. May this Sunday of Divine Mercy be a time of grace for us to both recognize the mercy we receive from God, and the mercy we hand on to others.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and this weekend, in solidarity with those who have been harmed by abuse, and as a visible demonstration of the Church's ongoing commitment to the prevention of child sexual abuse, we dedicate our prayers this weekend to those survivors and victims of child abuse. Though abusers are not limited to any particular society, group, class, or culture, many of us are aware of those in the Church: clergy, religious, and laity, who perpetrated such sinful and evil acts against the most vulnerable among us. For some time, Archbishop Cordileone has been meeting with survivor-victims of abuse and they have requested raising awareness of signs, reporting, and policies to the community. As a response to this request, we are periodically placing in the bulletin the helplines for victims of abuse in the Church. We should note that if anyone even suspects a child is being abused, that person should immediately contact local law enforcement for reporting and guidance. For all of us, this is a moral duty and disciples of Christ.

As part of our child abuse prevention efforts, we would like to recognize all those parishioners who have completed the VIRTUS training for the protection of children from abuse and the requisite background checks and fingerprinting, mandatory for those working in the Church and for volunteers who work with minors. In addition, parishioners in other professions (such as healthcare workers) or volunteers with youth organizations (such as youth sports) who have completed similar training with their organizations for the prevention of abuse are also to be recognized as vigilance is necessary in all parts of our world. These people are a blessing to our parish and our greater community as they are a living representation of efforts to protect the most vulnerable among us and we are grateful for their efforts and dedication.

**Father Schunk**

**Stories from the AAA**

*Your gifts to the AAA support such ministries as Retired Priests, Seminarians, Social Justice, and our Schools, as well as many Archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources and others that help our parishes save money by improving the efficiency of various services and providing economies of scale. Here is one example:*

Your generosity to the AAA helps to sponsor the **Restorative Justice Ministry** which hosts an annual Christmas Angels program for children. Every child who attends has at least one parent who is incarcerated, deceased, or there has been domestic violence in the home. For many of these children, this is their Christmas. The parents/guardians who attend are overcome with appreciation, and one boy, when entering the gathering, stopped in his tracks, his mouth agape, and whispered "It's Santa Claus."

**Sick Family & Friends**

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevieve Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*  
God's love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 1:3-9*

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Apr 13

8:00 a.m.

**Greg Iorio**

(By: Lynn Boquiran)

## Tuesday, Apr 14

8:00 a.m.

**Rey Ysip (B-Day)**

(By: Elvie Ysip)

## Wednesday, Apr 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Paul Cardozo**

(By: Philomena Cardozo)

## Thursday, Apr 16

8:00 a.m.

**Lucian Opena (B-Day)**

(By: Zeny Amora Opena)

## Friday, Apr 17

8:00 a.m.

**Moises Borja Bautista, Jr.**

(By: Bautista Family) (B-Day)

## Saturday, Apr 18

8:00 a.m.

† **Fr. James Livingstone**

(By: Fr. Schunk)

4:30 p.m.

**People of the Parish**

## Sunday, Apr 19

8:00 a.m.

**Kaylee Kunkel (B-Day)**

(By: Elizabeth Mamon)

10:30 a.m.

**Tony and Teresa Devincenzi**

(By: Devincenzi Family)

6:30 p.m.

† **George Tercero Jr.**

(By: Tercero Family)

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

### Sunday Collections - April 5, 2026

\$14,343.00 **Easter Sunday Offertory**

\$2,577.00 **Online Giving**

\$1,876.00 **Good Friday Collection**

## Second Sunday of Easter

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. The central focus is our celebration of the resurrection of Christ and the floodgates of God's mercy being opened upon us, and is based both on Scripture and the revelations of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

Peter says in today's second reading, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.*

Saint John Paul II, in his canonization of Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska, instituted this day into the Church calendar. In his homily, he said:

"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others: *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy (Mt 5:7)*" (*Dives in misericordia*, n. 14).

That mercy is easily seen in the many healing miracles recalled in the Gospels. In each one, whether physical or spiritual, the power of Christ to renew, forgive, and heal bursts into the life of someone and, at times, even turns upside down the very laws of nature. In today's Gospel, that specific ministry of forgiveness and mercy is passed to the disciples, when Jesus says, *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.* This is Divine Mercy.



## HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

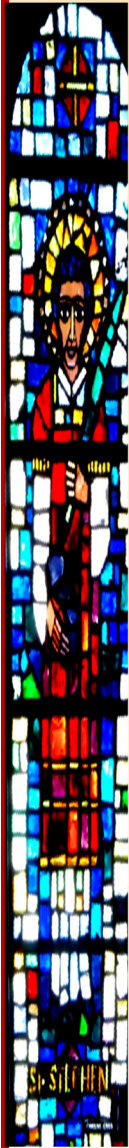
**(415) 614-5506** This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and is answered only by Rocio Rodriguez.

**(415) 614-5503** If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

**(800) 276-1562** Report sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)

## An Easter "Thank You"!

Although there are many parishioners who make our "regular" Sunday liturgies here well organized and meaningful, Holy Week and Easter take special care, time and effort. I thank the many people who gave "over-time" these past few weeks in planning and organizing these recent liturgies. To our: Sacristans; Lectors; Eucharistic Ministers; Ushers; Altar Servers; Altar Society; Choir; Liturgy Committee; and all those who just "pitched-in." Thank you!



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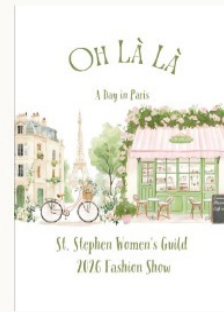
## St. Stephen Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1 – TPC Park

11:00 AM Registration

12:00 PM Shot-gun Start

Follow the QR Code for  
Ticket & Event  
Information!



St. Stephen Women's Guild Fashion Show

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in front of the gym & lower lot

April 13

April 15

April 17

## ST. STEPHEN PRESCHOOL AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL  
DONWORTH HALL

3:00PM - 6:00PM

Scan to RSVP

